

III. REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

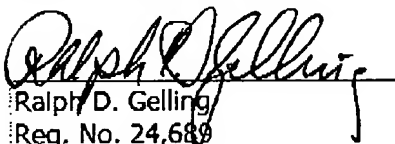
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of group I as presented by the Examiner. Accordingly claims 7-9, 29-32, and 42-46 are withdrawn. Claims 1-6, 10-21, 22-28, and 33-41 remain for further consideration.

Responsive Remarks

The above election is made with traverse on the grounds that dependent claims 7-9 and 29-32 should more properly be contained in group I. Applicant submits that this grouping is supported by Example IIB of MPEP section 806.05(c).

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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